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Naples, July 18. *N. S.*

SOme Barks have lately been fitted out of the Seaport Towns belonging to the Emperor in the *Adriatick* Gulph, who have taken ſeveral of our Tartans laden with Corn, and retook the laſt week one of theirs out of the Port of *Manfredonia*, which had been formerly taken by one of the Ships of the *French* Squadron commanded by the Chevalier *de Fourbin*. An Accident has lately happened, which has contributed to encreaſe the Diſcontents of the Inhabitants of this Place againſt the *French*; Don *Fabrizio Minutolo*, going abroad in his Caleſh, happened to run againſt a *French* Soldier, who, inſtead of going out of the way, preſented his Muſket at him, but by good Fortune it did not take fire, and ſo he got away without any hurt. The Son of the Duke of *Moles*, who was come hither to ſue for his Father's Eſtate, which is ſequeſtred for his having embraced the Emperor's Intereſt, is baniſhed out of this Kingdom. The Fortifications of *Baya* are now almoſt finiſhed, and ſeveral Pieces of Cannon have been ſent from our Arſenal, to be placed upon the Works there.

Rome, July 28. The Pope entred the 22d Inſtant into the 55th Year of his Age, upon which occaſion he received the Compliments of all the Foreign Miniſters and Perſons of Quality here: He has lately held ſeveral Congregations, to conſult of the means of reforming the Manners of the Monks of all the ſeveral Orders, whoſe ſcandalous Lives are a great Reproach to their Profeſſion. The Vice-Legate of *Avignon* has writ to the Pope, to acquaint him with the Death of the Cardinal *de Bonzi*, a *Florentine*, who was promoted to that Dignity by Pope *Clement* X. and had enjoyed it above 31 Years; he died at *Narbonne*, in the 73d year of his Age, leaving vacant that Archbiſhoprick, and a 12th Place in the College of Cardinals. Cardinal *Janſon* had Audience lately of the Pope, to acquaint him, that the King his Maſter had ordered a Sum of 50000 Crowns to be paid into the Pope's Treaſury, to make good the Loſſes which his Subjects have ſuſtained, by the marching of the *French* Forces into his Territories. The Perſon who ſometime ago mudered Signior *Zeccadoro*, one of the Pope's Secretaries, as he was paſſing from the Pope's Apartment to his own, has at length been diſcovered: It was one *Mathias Trojany*, who having confeſt the Fact, though not the occaſion of it, has accordingly ſuffered Death, and his Head is put on the Gate of *St. Angelo*, with an Inſcription noting his Crime. The Count *de Fonti*, Nephew and Heir to Signior *Zeccadoro*, was ſtabbed laſt week by one of his late Uncle's Servants, exaſperated at his delaying to pay him a Legacy left him by his deceaſed Maſter; The Count is ſince dead of his Wounds, and ſearch is made after the Murderer, in order to bring him to the Puniſhment he deſerves. The Works which had been begun long ſince for draining the Moraſs called *Paludi Pontine*, but were diſcontinued by reaſon that the preſent Pope is unwilling to be at the Charge in this time of War, are renewed at the Expence of Don *Livio Odeſcalchi*, by the Heer *Meyer*, a *Dutch* Enginier, who has now 300 Men at Work, and deſigns to employ 500 Men more after Harveſt. Cardinal *Norris*, ſo well known for his great Learning, and particularly for his Skill in Chronology, is dangerouſly ill.

Warſaw, Auguſt 11. The *Swediſh* Army continues encamped before *Thoorn*, and it is ſaid they intend formally to beſiege that Place, as ſoon as they have received their Supplies of Men, Artillery and Ammunition, which were lately ſet on Shore near *Dantzick*. The King of *Sweden* has writ two Letters, one to the Cardinal Primate, and the other to the Commiſſioners appointed by the Republick, upon the occaſion of ſome Propoſals that have been lately made to him for eſtabliſhing a Peace between him and the King of *Poland*. Our King being ſtill at *Offock*, the Cardinal is gone thither to confer with him upon the Subject of theſe Letters. We have received an Account, That the *Poliſh* Lieutenant-General *Brandt* being informed that 400 *Swedes* were quartered in a Village of *Pruſſia*, called *Lauterbourg*, he marched with a Body of *Saxon* and *Poliſh* Troops, and coming thither the 8th Inſtant by break of day, fell upon the *Swedes* before they could be in a readineſs to defend themſelves, killed about 120 of them, and put the reſt to flight: General *Nierocſt*, who lay at *Nieumark*, not far from thence, with a Body of 3000 *Swedes*, having notice of what had paſſed, marched immediately to attack General *Brandt*, but he was already advanced ſo far in his way home, that he could not come up with him. Divers Gentlemen of the *Greater Poland*, not being ſatisfied with the Reſolutions taken at the Diet at *Lublin*, have begun to enter into a Confederacy to hinder their being put in execution; whereupon ſome Troops are ordered to march that way, to prevent the ill Conſequences which may attend this Proceeding.

Philipsbourg, Auguſt 21. A great number of Wagons laden with Ammunition, and other Neceſſaries for a Siege, are ſent from *Straſbourg* to the *French* Army commanded by the Duke of *Burgundy*, which is marching towards *Briſac*, in order, as they give out, to ſet down before that Place: Monſieur *Vauban*, the *French* King's chief Enginier, is ſaid to be come purpoſely from *France* to their Army upon this Deſign. They have been joyned by Detachments out of all their Towns in *Alſace*, which are left almoſt bare of Troops, and by a good number of the Militia,

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